



## Provider Communication

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| <b>Subject:</b> Georgia Cares Medicaid Managed Care Program | <b>Priority:</b> <b>High</b>        |
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### *Dear Provider:*

The Department of Community Health (DCH), will be soliciting care management organization vendors to assist with the following objectives for the Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids programs:

- Improve health care status of member population
- Establish contractual accountability for access to and quality of healthcare
- Lower cost through more effective utilization management
- Budget predictability and administrative simplicity

The Request for Proposals (RFP) was released January 6, 2005. The potential vendors will be required to develop provider networks depending on the service region(s) for which they bid, and will need to present to DCH evidence of provider contracts or non-binding letters of intent in order to demonstrate their network adequacy. Many current Medicaid providers have been contacted by one or more of these potential vendors and can certainly expect this to continue over the next several months.

DCH has made available information related to its activities related to the research and development of the Georgia Cares Program and the related RFP via its website at [www.dch.state.ga.us](http://www.dch.state.ga.us). The entire RFP will be posted to the Georgia Department of Administrative Services website at [www.procurement.state.ga.us](http://www.procurement.state.ga.us)

Potential vendors will be bidding to provide all current Medicaid services based on six Medicaid Managed Care Service Regions – Atlanta, Central, North, East, Southeast and Southwest. Contracts will be awarded to two vendors in each Service Region with the exception of the Atlanta Service Region, where the DCH anticipates awarding contracts to three to five vendors.

These contracts will be for all services currently covered under Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids, exclusive of Non-emergency Transportation. This program will impact the following mandatory enrolled populations only: Low Income Families, Transitional Medicaid, Pregnant Women (Presumptive), Pregnant Women (Right from the Start Medicaid – RSM), Children (Right from the Start Medicaid – RSM), Children (newborn), PeachCare for Kids (pending legislative approval) and Women eligible for Medicaid due to Breast and Cervical Cancer. All other Medicaid populations will remain in the current Medicaid fee-for-service program.